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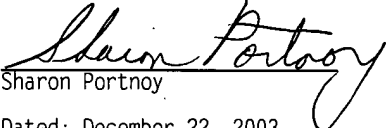
Further to the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed September 10, 2003, below is a concise explanation of the two Japanese documents submitted with said IDS filed September 10, 2003.

Japanese Published Patent Application (Kokai) No. 2000-135787 describes a shear mode and shared wall type of inkjet head having plural dummy nozzles connecting to a dummy channel beside a printing area. The dummy channel is driven simultaneously with a channel at the edge of the printing area. This publication does not discuss about the impedance of fluid in a dummy channel.

Japanese Published Patent Application (Kokai) No. 63-252750 describes a shear mode and shared wall type of inkjet head. This publication does not discuss about a dummy nozzle.

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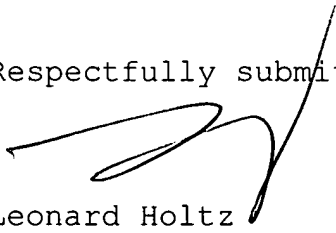

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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the foregoing when considering the IDS filed September 10, 2003.

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